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n.

The outer membrane enclosing the embryo in reptiles, birds, and mammals. In placental mammals it contributes to the development of the placenta.

[Greek *khorion*; see **ghera-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

cho·ri·on ic (-ŏn ĭk) *adj.*

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